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SUBJ: PRESS STATEMENT ON "INFORMAL" DISCUSSIONS

OF ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS IN JAKARTA DURING SEVENTH

ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING

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SUMMARY: IN ADDITION TO OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE (REPORTED REFTEL) OF SEVENTH ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING IN JAKARTA MAY 7-9, MINISTERS ISSUED PRESS STATEMENT BASED ON MINISTERS' "INFORMAL" DISCUSSIONS MAY 8 ON POLITICAL SUBJECTS NOT ADDRESSED DURING OFFICIAL MEETINGS. IN PRESS STATEMENT MINISTERS REITERATE SUPPORT FOR SEA ZONE OF PEACE CONCEPT, APPROVE "IN PRINCIPLE" PHILIPPINES PROPOSAL FOR ASEAN PEACE-KEEPING PROCEDURES AND RECOMMEND CONVENING OF CONFERENCE OF ALL SEA NATIONS "AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME." THEY ALSO EXPRESS READINESS TO COOPERATE IN ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL FIELDS WITH NEW GOVERNMENT IN LAOS, URGE SETTLEMENT OF KHMER DISPUTE BY INDIGENOUS PARTIES CONCERNED WITHOUT ACTION BY U.N. THAT MIGHT "PREDJUDICE" SOLUTION BY KHMER PEOPLE THEMSELVES. ON VIETNAM, STATEMENT COMMENDS INDONESIA FOR IT PARTICIPATION IN ICCS AND APPEALS TO PARIS AGREEMENT SIGNATORIES TO IMPLEMENT AGREEMENT. STATEMENT ALSO ENDORSES AND INCORPORATES NOV. 27 STATEMENT BY INDONESIA FOR MIN MALIK ON BEHALF OF ASEAN ON MIDDLE EAST, WHICH CALLS FOR SOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1967 U.N. RESOLUTION 247 AND CONDEMNS ISRAEL. ON LAW OF THE SEA, STATEMENT SAYS ONLY THAT ASEAN MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO CONSULT CLOSELY BEFORE AND DURING CARACAS CONFERENCE. TEXT OF PRESS STATEMENT FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY.

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PRACTICE, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF INDONESIA, SINGAPORE AND THAILAND AND THE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PHILIPPINES HELD AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST IN JAKARTA ON MAY 8, 1974, DURING THE VIIITH ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING. THE MINISTERS DISCUSSED AND REVIEWED A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS AND IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING THE REGION.

2. SOUTH EAST ASIA ZONE OF PEACE  
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THE MINISTERS CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED THE REPORTS OF THE THIRD AND THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND COMMENDED THE SENIOR OFFICIALS FOR THE PROGRESS SO FAR ACHIEVED. REITERATING THEIR BELIEF THAT THE PROPOSED ZONE REMAINS A VALID FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH PEACE CAN BE

MAINTAINED IN THE REGION, THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS APPROACHING THE CONCLUSION OF THEIR STUDY OF THE "BLUEPRINTS" OF THE ZONE. IN PARTICULAR, THE MINISTERS URGED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN, ON A PRIORITY BASIS, TO PROPOSALS FOR COURSES OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN BEFORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ZONE.

### 3. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

THE MINISTERS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EFFECTIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF INTRAREGIONAL DISPUTES. THEY CONSIDERED THE ADOPTION OF SUCH PROCEDURES AS A POSITIVE STEP TOWARDS THE STRENGTHENING OF ASEAN AND TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA. THE QUESTION WAS REFERRED TO THE SENIOR OFFICIALS FOR STUDY AT THEIR NEXT MEETING IN BANGKOK LATER THIS YEAR.

4. TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE GENERAL TREND TOWARDS GREATER ACCOMMODATION AMONG COUNTRIES, LARGE AND SMALL, AND RECOGNIZING THE PRIMARY AND COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA FOR PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION, THE MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THE DESIRABILITY OF CONVENING A CONFERENCE OF ALL SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME, WITH THE BROAD OBJECTIVES SET OUT IN THE PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE END OF THE VITH ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING LAST YEAR.

### 5. LAOS, KHMER, VIETNAM

AFTER A THOROUGH REVIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN LAOS, THE MINISTERS WELCOMED THE FORMATION OF THE NEW  
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COALITION GOVERNMENT IN THAT COUNTRY AND EXPRESSED THEIR READINESS TO COOPERATE IN THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL FIELDS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF LAOS IN ANY WAY IT MIGHT DEEM NECESSARY FOR THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION.

6. THE MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE GRAVE SITUATION STILL PREVAILING IN THE KHMER REPUBLIC AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT CONDITIONS CONDUCIVE TO THE RESTORATION OF PEACE WOULD SOON BE BROUGHT ABOUT. THEY REITERATED THEIR JOINT VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING THE 28TH UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION, NAMELY:

-- THE KHMER PEOPLE THEMSELVES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO SOLVE THEIR OWN POLITICAL PROBLEMS PEACEFULLY, FREE FROM OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN WHATEVER

FORM.

-- SUCH POLITICAL SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED BY  
THE INDIGENOUS PARTIES CONCERNED.

-- THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD NOT TAKE ANY ACTION  
WHICH MAY PREJUDICE THE DECISION OF THE KHMER  
PEOPLE THEMSELVES AND WHICH MAY PROLONG THE  
TRAGIC SUFFERING AND THE LOSS OF LIVES AND PROP-  
ERTY IN THE KHMER REPUBLIC.

7. THE MINISTERS COMMENDED INDONESIA FOR ITS ROLE IN  
THE ICCS AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF INDONESIA'S CONTRI-  
BUTION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE IN VIETNAM THROUGH  
HER CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THAT BODY.

8. THEY APPEALED TO THE FOUR SIGNATORIES OF THE PARIS  
AGREEMENT  
ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN  
VIETNAM AND ITS RELATED PROTOCOLS TO SINCERELY IMPLEMENT  
THE PROVISION OF THE SAID AGREEMENT.

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9. MIDEAST CONFLICT

THE MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE SITUATION CREATED BY  
THE PROLONGED MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT AND WERE CONCERNED  
OVER ITS ADVSRSE EFFECTS ON WORLD PEACE AS WELL AS ON  
THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE PEOPLES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.  
THEY REITERATED THEIR JOINT VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST  
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SITUATION AS EXPRESSED BY H.E. ADAM MALIK, FOREIGN  
MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA ON BEHALF OF THE  
ASEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES ON THE 27TH NOVEMBER 1973, AS THE  
FOLLOWING:

10. "IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION CREATED BY THE PROLONGED  
MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, OF ITS IMPLICATIONS AND EFFECTS ON  
WORLD PEACE AND THE LIEVELIHOOD OF THE PEOPLES OF THE  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN GENERAL, AND OF THE PRESENT  
EFFORTS SERIOUSLY BEING UNDERTAKEN TOWARDS AN IMMEDIATE  
PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM WHICH CLEARLY REQUIRE  
A WIDE SUPPORT, IT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO ISSUE THE  
FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

11. "THE ASEAN COUNTRIES FIRMLY BELIEVE AND EMPHATICALLY  
STRESS THE URGENT NEED TO PREVENT THE DETERIORATION OF  
THE SITUATION AND TO ESTABLISH A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION  
IN CONFORMITY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND  
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 (1967) AND OTHER RELATED  
UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS.

12. "THE CONTINUING OCCUPATION OF THE TERRITORIES  
SEIZED DURING THE 1967 CONFLICT, AND SUBSEQUENT MEASURES  
TAKEN BY ISRAEL TO CONSOLIDATE ITS CONTROL RUN COUNTER  
TO THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF EXISTING UNITED NATIONS RESO-  
LUTIONS.

13. "THE ASEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES DEEPLY DEPLORE AND VIGOROUSLY CONDEMN THE ACT OF TERRITORIAL EXPANSION BY FORCE IN BLATANT VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLES AND NORMS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

14. "THE ASEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES STRONGLY URGE THAT THE LAWFUL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINE PEOPLE BE FULLY RESPECTED AND RESTORED."

15. LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE

THE MINISTERS DISCUSSED MATTERS RELATED TO THE FORTHCOMING LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE AND WITH A VIEW TO BROADENING AREAS OF AGREEMENT, DECIDED TO REMAIN IN CONFIDENTIAL

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CLOSE CONSULTATION BEFORE AND DURING CONFERENCE, IN KEEPING WITH ESTABLISHED ASEAN PRACTICE. END QUOTE  
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16. COMMENT: DECISION TO CONSIDER POLITICAL SUBJECTS IN "INFORMAL" SESSIONS AND TO OMIT MINISTERS' AGREEMENTS ON POLITICAL MATTERS FROM OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE REFLECTS MEMBERS' CONTINUING WISH TO PRESERVE FORMAL PRINCIPLE THAT ASEAN IS NON-POLITICAL ORGANIZATION.

17. IN COMMENT TO EMBOFF ON ROMULO'S PROPOSALS SINGAPORE DCM KESAVAPANY, WHO SERVED AS MEMBER OF HIS COUNTRY'S DELEGATION AT MEETING, SAID MALAYSIA, THAILAND AND SINGAPORE DID NOT FAVOR ROMULO'S RECOMMENDATION FOR DRAFTING AN ASEAN CHARTER OR CONSTITUTION (NOTED IN COMMUNIQUE, SEE REFTEL) OR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ASEAN BODY TO DEAL WITH INTRAREGIONAL DISPUTES. HOWEVER, SINCE NO ONE WISHED TO REJECT THE PHILIPPINE PROPOSALS, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO "STUDY" THEM FURTHER. KESAVAPANY FURTHER STATED THAT WHEN ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE DISCUSSED, IT CLEAR NO AGREEMENT COULD BE RACHED SINCE THERE WERE TWO COUNTRIES (INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES) IN SUPPORT, TWO (THAILAND, SINGAPORE) IN OPPOSITION AND ONE (MALAYSIA) IN BETWEEN.

18. COMENTS ON LAOS, AND PARTICULARLY ON CAMBODIA MUCH MORE FORTHCOMING THAN THOSE MADE IN PRESS STATEMENT FOLLOWING PATTAY CONFERENCE IN APRIL 1973 WHEN MINISTERS LIMITED THEMSELVES TO GENERALIZED EXPRESSION OF CONCERN AND HOPE THAT ASEAN NATIONS WOULD EXERT GREATER EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN INDOCHINA.  
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